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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Social Welfare Department - Surprise check conducted by the Anti-Corruption Bureau on Government Social Welfare Boys Hostel, Bhimanapalli (V), Uppalaguptham (M), East Godavari District - Irregularities noticed - Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri Racherla Jacob, former Hostel Welfare Officer, Government Social Welfare Boys Hostel, Bhimanapalli (V), Uppalaguptham (M), East Godavari District (now Retd.,) - Articles of Charge framed - Inquiry conducted - Report received - Further action dropped - Orders - Issued.

SOCIAL WELFARE (VIGILANCE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No.160 Dated:22.07.2024

Read the following:

1. From the DG, ACB, Vijayawada Letter C.No.11/DES-REG/2016, Dated: 22/06/2017.
2. Govt. Memo.No.649905/SW-VIG.A1/2017, Dated:05/07/2017.
3. Procgs. No.A1/136/2016, Dt.01/05/2018 of the District Collector, East Godavari District, Kakinada.
4. Written Statement of Defense of Sri R. Jacob, former HWO (now Retd), Dated: 13/09/2019.
5. Procgs. No.A1/136/2016, Dt.17/11/2020 of the District Collector, East Godavari District, Kakinada.
6. Procgs. No.A1/136/2016, Dt.17/11/2020 of the District Collector, East Godavari District, Kakinada.
7. Letter RC.C3/1435/2019 dated:30/01/2021 of the RDO/Inquiry Authority, East Godavari addressed to the District Collector, East Godavari District, Kakinada received through Director of Social Welfare vide e-File (Computer No. 1396858)
8. Govt. Memo. No.649905/SW.Vig.A1/2017, Dated: 19/06/2021.
9. Letter Ref C3/1435/2019, dated:17/11/2021 of the RDO/Inquiry Authority, East Godavari addressed to the District Collector, East Godavari District, Kakinada received through Director of Social Welfare vide e-File (Computer No. 1396858)
10. Govt. Memo. No.649905/SW.Vig.A1/2017, Dated:13/12/2022.
11. Letter Ref.C3/1435/2019, Dt.31.06.2023 of the RDO/Inquiry Authority, East Godavari addressed to the District Collector, East Godavari District, Kakinada received through Director of Social Welfare vide e-File (Computer No. 1396858)
12. Govt. Memo. No.1413269-649905/SW.Vig.A1/2017, Dated:15/02/2024.
13. Further Representation of Sri R. Jacob, former HWO (Now Retd.,),Dated: 29/02/2024

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O R D E R:

It has been brought to the notice of the Government that the Anti-Corruption Bureau conducted surprise check on Social Welfare Boys Hostel, Bhimanapalli (V), Uppalaguptham (M), East Godavari district on 25/01/2016 and noticed certain irregularities in maintenance of Hostel.

2. Based on the report/recommendations of the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau in the letter 1st read above and instructions of the Govt., in the Govt Memo 2nd read above, the District Collector, East Godavari District initiated departmental proceedings against Sri Racherla Jacob, Hostel Welfare Officer, Bhimanapalli (V), Uppalaguptham (M), East Godavari District, besides recovery of an amount of Rs.64,670/- for the irregularities noticed by issuing Articles of Charge against him in the procgs. 3rd read above. The Charged Officer has submitted explanation denying the charges framed against him in his Written Statement of Defense (WSD) 4th read above.

3. In the proceedings 5th read above, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Ramachandrapuram was appointed as Inquiring Authority to inquire into the charges

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framed against the Charged Officer and in the proceedings 6th read above, Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Ramachandrapuram, East Godavari District was appointed as Presenting Officer.

4. The Inquiry Authority has submitted the Inquiry Report through the District Collector, East Godavari District / Director of Social Welfare in the letter 7th read above, wherein the three (3) charges framed against Sri R.Jacob, Hostel Welfare Officer are held not proved. After examining the inquiry report, the Inquiry Authority was directed to conduct further enquiry under rule 21 (1) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, in the Govt. Memo. 8th read above.

5. The Inquiry Authority has submitted further inquiry report through the District Collector, East Godavari District / Director of Social Welfare in the letter 9th read above, with the findings that all the three (3) Charges framed against Sri R.Jacob, Hostel Welfare Officer are held not proved based on the documentary and oral evidence adduced before him. In the Govt. Memo 10th read above, Government have remit back the case to the Inquiry Authority with a direction to conduct further inquiry on the irregularities of false attendance and excess amount drawn, strictly in accordance with Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991. The Inquiry Authority has submitted his further Inquiry Report through the Director of Social Welfare in the letter 11th read above, reporting that his earlier findings are holds good.

6. A copy of the Inquiry Report was communicated to the Charged Officer Sri R.Jacob, Hostel Welfare Officer (Retd.) for his further representation 'if any' on the same, in the Govt Memo 12th read above and the Charged officer has submitted his explanation accepting the Inquiry report, in his further representation 13th read above.

7. Government, after careful examination of the matter, have decided to drop further action against the charged officer Sri R.Jacob, former Hostel Welfare Officer, Bhimanapalli (V), Uppalaguptham (M), East Godavari District (now Retired) as the charges framed against him are held not proved, in the inquiry and accordingly, hereby drop further action against Sri R.Jacob, former Hostel Welfare Officer, Bhimanapalli (V), Uppalaguptham (M), East Godavari District (now Retired).

8. The Director of Social Welfare, Andhra Pradesh, Tadepalli shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

K.KANNA BABU
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri R.Jacob, former Hostel Welfare Officer (now retired),
(**through** the Director of Social Welfare,
A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur District).
The Director of Social Welfare,
A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur District.

Copy to:

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The Accountant General (A&E),
A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts,
A.P., Mangalagiri, Guntur District.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner,
A.P.V.C., Velagapudi.
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SECTION OFFICER